

Mitchell, Dr. McClure and Dr. Clonts, to name a few, without ever sending a bill to their "clinic patient." Ineligible patients might be sent a bill through a collection agency. (And by the way: the IRS never-ever allowed such "charity" done by those same doctors, to be deducted.) I was fascinated to learn how those doctors survived Economics 101 when none of their clinic patients needed, or carried, "affordable health insurance."

At Piedmont Hospital where I was a resident, the hospital took care of all of the hospital expenses of the unwed mothers from the Florence Crittenden Home. I was also told that none of them had "health-insurance." I can tell you this. As far as the TLC (Tender Loving Care) given to the "clinic-patients" and the "private patients," the treatment from the staff and the nurses was identical. The care was always excellent.

I hope if you ever get to meet the genius who invented "affordable health care," that you will remember to ask this question, "Does charity have a place in today's health-care?" The "Obama Bidens" don't want, or need, your charity. They insist on asking everybody, including the jobless, the helpless and the hopeless, to pay cash for their own "health-care" even if the cash has to be a personal loan from the government.

Just to show their good intentions, if those indigent groups can't repay their "medical care" loans, the great socialist government will identify and prosecute them, for the crime of "unpaid debts." Aren't medical science and "health-care," when mixed with Socialism, wonderful?

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BILBRAY. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Requesting Member: Congressman BRIAN BILBRAY

Bill Number: H.R. 3288—Department of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Account: Federal Highway Administration, Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Legal Name of Requesting Entities: City of Escondido, California/City of San Marcos, California

Address of Requesting Entities: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025/1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

Description of Request: I received \$500,000 to widen the Nordahl Bridge where it intersects SR-78. This widening project is a key to the greater SR-78 infrastructure/capacity improvement project that is decreasing congestion in both San Marcos and Escondido in preparation for the new public Palomar Pomerado Hospital.

The Cities of San Marcos and Escondido have requested funding for the project, and the project is supported by the San Diego Association of Governments and CALTRANS. Funding assistance will provide a sensible, long-term solution to the interchange by widening and lengthening the existing overpass bridge structure at Nordahl Road and SR-78 to accommodate capacity improvements planned for SR-78 while also addressing congestion on local streets.

\$5,000,000 will be obligated in FY 2010, and will fund preliminary engineering, environmental review, right-of-way acquisition and construction costs for the project. The regional project is the #1 priority for both the City of Escondido and the City of San Marcos and is not only the subject of a MOU between the cities, but also a draft cooperative agreement with Caltrans District 11. It is supported by the region's metropolitan planning organization, the San Diego Association of Governments and is included in the San Diego Regional Transportation Plan.

HONORING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE VILLAGE NETWORK OF SUMTER COUNTY, ALABAMA

HON. ARTUR DAVIS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DAVIS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the achievements of the Children of the Village Network, a non-profit organization based in my District, in Sumter County, Alabama. I commend the Children of the Village Network on their 10th Anniversary and would like to underscore the positive impact that this organization has had on my District.

The Children of the Village Network was established by District Judge Tammy Montgomery based on the time honored premise that "it takes a whole village to raise one child." This network has created a family resource center for residents of Sumter County that provides life skills training, parenting classes, job readiness training, a food bank and educational scholarships. The organization drives home the importance of academic excellence for the youth of Sumter County, awarding 13 scholarships since 2000 and providing for additional enrichment activities to promote independence and incentivize academic achievement.

After ten years of commitment to the residents of Sumter County, the success of the Children of the Village Network has been widely recognized for its success in contributing significantly to improving the quality of life in Sumter County. Thank you, Madam Speaker and may God bless the Children of the Village Network and Judge Montgomery with continued success.

EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE CONGRESS THAT A POSTAGE STAMP SHOULD BE ISSUED TO COMMEMORATE THE WAR OF 1812 AND THAT THE CITIZENS' STAMP ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHOULD RECOMMEND TO THE POSTMASTER GENERAL THAT SUCH A STAMP BE ISSUED

HON. JOHN D. DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, the War of 1812, also referred to as "America's Second War of Independence," was a defining conflict

in our Nation's history that today is often overlooked.

Today, I am introducing the War of 1812 Commemorative Stamp Act, a resolution which urges the United States Postal Service (USPS) to issue a postage stamp commemorating the War of 1812. With the bicentennial of the War of 1812 just three years away, issuing such a stamp is a fitting tribute to those who heroically defended our Nation's borders and secured a lasting independence from Great Britain.

Much of our popular American culture is a product of the War of 1812. It inspired the Star Spangled Banner, the first appearance of Uncle Sam, and the phrases "Don't Give up the Ship," "Remember the Raisin," and "We have met the enemy and they are ours."

The War of 1812 also has a great significance to the 15th Congressional District of Michigan and the citizens of Monroe, Michigan. Located in Monroe is the River Raisin Battlefield, the site of a major engagement that occurred during the American campaign in the winter of 1813 to retake Fort Detroit from the British. The Battle took the lives of nearly a thousand American Regulars and Militia in what was then known as Frenchtown.

This bloody event, arguably the largest land engagement of the War of 1812, gave birth to the emotional rallying cry "Remember the Raisin," which prompted thousands to volunteer for General William Henry Harrison's spring 1813 campaign.

The people of Monroe dedicated themselves for years to restore the integrity of the battlefield in hopes of turning it into a national park and a place where history-lovers across the country could come to commemorate this landmark battle. In a show of its commitment, Monroe turned over the land to the federal government for free. Finally, after years of work, we were able to pass legislation to turn this important site into the River Raisin National Battlefield Park.

Madam Speaker, I'm certain there are similar sites throughout the country that represent part of our American history. I urge my colleagues to join me in my efforts to give the War of 1812 the recognition it deserves.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, consistent with House Republican Earmark Standards, I am submitting the following earmark disclosure and certification information for three project funding requests that I made and were included within the text of H.R. 3326, the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010.

Project: Fire Suppression System

Project Amount: \$1,425,000

Account: RDT&E Army

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Global Safety Labs

Address of Requesting Entity: 4129 South 72nd E. Ave., Tulsa, OK 74146

Description of Request: This initiative will provide financial resources for testing and evaluating military applications of Arctic Fire Freeze. Arctic Fire Freeze is a fire suppressant product that has been used by the steel

industry for approximately 10 years. Funding provided by this request will be used to conduct rigorous military testing and evaluation. The use of Arctic Fire Freeze in military vehicles and equipment and by ground troops could significantly reduce burn-related injuries and fatalities.

Project: High Density Power Conversion and Distribution Equipment

Project Amount: \$1,500,000

Account: RDT&E Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity:

Westwood Corporation, L-3 Communications

Address of Requesting Entity: 12402 East 60th Street, Tulsa, OK 74146

Description of Request: Navy power switchboard technology has remained essentially the same for nearly 50 years. This technology is passed largely on past Navy applications (with lower power needs) and commercial practices (which are less volume and weight sensitive). The Navy's power needs (e.g., sensors, weapons, house loads) have escalated and the newest power architecture designs have added additional concerns (e.g., higher frequencies), but the size and weight of the power distribution equipment are still limited. The inline switchboard technology simplifies the switchboard arrangement to greatly decrease size, weight, and lifecycle cost. In summary, this will provide the Navy with technology that will result in \$0.25 M/per year per destroyer/cruiser in maintenance savings plus an additional \$1 million per ship in overhaul savings. Additional savings are estimated in size and weight at 50 tons per ship and a space savings of 1000 sq.ft. Fuel savings due to the decreased weight are anticipated to be significant given the cost of fuel.

Project: Lightweight Composite Structure Development for Aerospace Vehicles

Project Amount: \$3,000,000

Account: RDT&E Navy

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Advanced Composites Group

Address of Requesting Entity: 5350 South 129th Street, Tulsa, OK 74134.

Description of Request: Funding would improve, qualify, and test advanced composite materials. The military has a demonstrated need for a domestic source of new advanced carbon fibers and testing protocols. Second-source qualification of composite materials only currently available from foreign suppliers will allow military suppliers to have access to lower cost domestic sources of composite materials.

IN HONOR OF MR. GENE COX

HON. ALLEN BOYD

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. BOYD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to an individual whose dedication to the youth of our Nation and whose contributions as a highly successful high school football coach in Florida meant so much to generations of young men. He prepared hundreds of young men to face the world and taught them discipline, excellence, and the desire to strive to be the best they could be in life. We have been very fortunate to have Gene Cox as a strong, dedicated, persevering, and committed leader.

Coach Cox passed away on Monday, March 30, 2009, in Tallahassee, and he is being honored by the establishment of the Gene Cox Memorial Football Scholarship at Leon High School, which will provide continued support of deserving youth.

Gene Cox grew up in Lake City, Florida, moved to Leon County in 1963, and became one of the nation's most successful football coaches. He even served as my football coach briefly in my younger days. Not only was he a great coach, he was a veteran of the Army National Guard and an active member of East Hill Baptist Church. His long term leadership in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes showed many the true foundations of living and serving. He was also the loving husband to Patsy, father to three sons and a daughter, and grandfather to five.

Gene Cox had a tireless passion and intensity to his role as coach and mentor to our youth. I am proud to commend this man who meant so much to north Florida and to the many young men throughout this country who he coached and led.

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HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, at the request of the Secretary of State of the State of Texas, I am officially entering House Concurrent Resolution 86, as passed by the 81st Legislature, Regular Session, 2009 of the State of Texas, into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 86

Whereas, The men and women who have served in this nation's armed forces are entitled to ready access to the best possible medical care; and

Whereas, For the more than 100,000 veterans living in the Rio Grande Valley, the nearest U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs hospital is in San Antonio, as much as 300 miles and a five-hour trip away, and the lack of a VA hospital in the Valley has long imposed great hardships on veterans in that region and on their families; and

Whereas, Veterans requesting appointments at the facility in San Antonio typically wait months to be seen, even for serious conditions; for those who cannot drive themselves, or who cannot afford to drive, van transportation is provided by veterans service groups; the lengthy trip, however, adds to the patients' physical distress; no ambulances are available to convey veterans to San Antonio, which makes the journey especially difficult for those who are bedridden; and

Whereas, Once veterans arrive in San Antonio, they often wait hours for an appointment that may take only 15 minutes, or they may find that their appointment has been canceled; they may also discover that they need to stay overnight, which adds to the time-consuming nature of their trip and to its expense; and

Whereas, For veterans who must go to San Antonio several times a month, the time lost to travel can make it difficult to hold a job; the demands of such a trip also place a great burden on family members who have to take time off from work, and possibly arrange for child care, to drive a veteran to San Antonio, and who may need to make such trips

for many years; the cost of gas and meals, in addition to the expense of lodging, if that is required, substantially exceeds the prescribed travel allowance; and

Whereas, The current facilities for veterans health care in the Valley are manifestly inadequate; the VA presently operates several outpatient clinics in the region, but these do not offer the full range of services, including testing and therapy, available in San Antonio; moreover, the VA has failed to pay the bills of many veterans who have had to seek emergency care at a local hospital; in addition, although there are plans to contract with area hospitals to provide some inpatient veterans care, the medical personnel in those facilities are unlikely to have the necessary expertise in treating the injuries and psychological trauma sustained by combat veterans; and

Whereas, In recent years, local veterans organizations have formed the Veterans Alliance of the Rio Grande Valley to help raise awareness of this issue; and

Whereas, Veterans who live in the Valley, veterans from out of state who make their home in the Valley during the winter months, and U.S. veterans who reside in Mexico all sorely need and clearly deserve a fully staffed, full-service veterans hospital in far South Texas; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby affirm its support for the establishment of a veterans hospital in the Rio Grande Valley; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Texas secretary of state forward official copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to the secretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the Texas delegation to the Congress with the request that this resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

TESTIMONY GIVEN BY EZEKIEL
LOL GATKUOTH REGARDING THE
COMPREHENSIVE PEACE ACCORD
(CPA) IN SUDAN

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 31, 2009

Mr. WOLF. Madam Speaker, I would like to share with our colleagues testimony that Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth, head of the Government of Southern Sudan Mission to the United States, gave yesterday before the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission regarding the importance of full implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Accord (CPA) in Sudan.

His perspective is invaluable as a diplomat and Southern Sudanese leader who experienced firsthand the horrors of the twenty-plus year civil war between the North and the South which left more than 2 million dead in Southern Sudan.

TESTIMONY OF EZEKIEL LOL GATKUOTH HEAD OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTHERN SUDAN MISSION TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THE TOM LANTOS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (TLHRC)

Honorable Co-Chairman Frank R. Wolf, Honorable Co-Chairman James P. McGovern, and Members of Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, thank you for organizing this Hearing at this important juncture in Sudan's history and in the quest for peace and